

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 233 (Senator Lawlah, et al.)
Judicial Proceedings

Prince George's County - Casino Nights - Permit Exemptions
PG 321-96

This bill exempts organizations that hold five or less casino nights in the current or preceding year from casino permit requirements and the 20% levy on gross receipts generated from casino nights. The proposal also allows these organizations to pay salaries to people assisting at casino nights and exempts the organizations from all penalty provisions.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. This proposal does not significantly affect State operations.

Local Effect: Revenues could decrease by \$2,800 in FY 1997. Expenditures would not be affected.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Revenues: Prince George's County revenues would decrease by approximately \$2,800 in fiscal 1997, which reflects the proposal's October 1, 1996 effective date. This decrease is comprised of fees and levy revenues currently collected from the limited casinos that would become exempt under this bill (\$800 in licensing fees, \$800 in enforcement fees, and \$1,200 in casino night levy revenues). The Prince George's County Sheriff's Office advises there are currently five casino operations that would be affected. This estimate assumes that each of the five casinos operates two days per year and collects gross receipts of \$800 per day.

The revenue loss could be offset to the extent that the permits currently used by the five limited casinos are reissued to larger casino operators.

Information Source(s): Prince George's County Sheriff's Office

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